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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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111 NW FIRST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of September 20, 2006*

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VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WIDENING OF THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF THE TURNPIKE FROM SR 874 TO SR 836 PD&E STUDY - *Mike Van Der Heyden, Turnpike Enterprise Project Manager, and Kent Rice, Turnpike Enterprise Regional Planning Manager*

B. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT – *Elizabeth Rockwell, MPO Public Involvement Manager*

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MPO Committee Meeting Dates:

CTAC Subcommittee	11/08/06
CTAC Full Committee	12/13/06
MPO Governing Board	11/09/06
TPC	11/13/06
TPTAC	11/01/06
BPAC	11/15/06
TARC	11/01/06
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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Norman Wartman, Chair
Naomi Wright, First Vice Chair
Barbara Walters, Second Vice Chair
Rolando Acosta
James L. Bledsoe
Claudius A. Carnegie
Michael Dunn
Daniel Fils-Aime
Alan B. Fishman
Hudson Gaulman, Jr.

Frank Hernandez
Roman Irigoyen
Marlon Kelly, Sr.
Mario Martinez-Malo
Emma Pringle
Ramon Ramos
David Reiter
Paul Schwiep
Bonnie Sterling
Andrea Young

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, MPO
Wilson Fernandez, MPO
Felipe Hermida, MDT
Michelle Simmons, MDT
Gregory Robinson, MDT
Ike Mahmood, FDOT
Scott Seeburger, FDOT
Kent Rice, Turnpike
Miles Moss, CITT Chair
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT

Robert Carballo, C3TS
Darling Jarquin, C3TS
Dario Gonzalez, MC, FIU
Carlos H. Perez, Perez & Assoc.
Elizabeth Seeburger, Maritime
Underwriters
Michael Moore, Gannett Flemmings
Jessica Castro, Smartroutes Systems
Lawrence Percival, KFHA
Cheryl Clark, SFRTA
Mike Robinson, Citizen

CTAC Secretariat, Elizabeth Rockwell, conducted roll call and notified the Chair he had quorum. Norman Wartman, CTAC Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Claudius Carnegie moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Naomi Wright. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Naomi Wright moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Claudius A. Carnegie. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously with the amendment of adding Andrea Young to the attendance list and correcting the meeting location.

III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

CTAC member, Mac Glasgow, is in the VA Hospital.

Mr. Hernandez announced his resignation effective Thursday, October 19th. He thanked the members for the years served together.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lawrence Percival, Kendall Federation of Home Association Vice President, expressed concern regarding the road widening of SW 120 Street west of SW 137 Avenue which runs parallel to the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport. Mr. Percival was under the assumption that the Public Works Department (PWD) was going to widen the road to six lanes. According to Mr. Percival, the PWD conducted a Study and decided that there was not enough traffic for this lane extension. Mr. Percival disagrees with this Study and stated that there are many commercial developments planned for the future of the area that will increase traffic. Miles Moss also expressed the same concerns as Mr. Percival.

The Chair suggested having a subcommittee meeting on the matter with PWD and Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport representatives (Aviation Department) and the representatives of the community.

Mr. Miles Moss, Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Chair, also requested that CTAC discuss an item that evolved out of one of their recent meetings. CITT members requested the PWD to conduct a Feasibility Study regarding the widening of roadways in four locations within Miami-Dade County. Mr. Moss suggested that this be an item that the local citizens have an interest in. During their meeting, Mr. Moss suggested that the item go to a CTAC Subcommittee with interested CITT members in attendance.

Mr. Moss also updated the Committee on the over-head solar school flashers. They are being considered for installation at every elementary and middle school in Miami-Dade County. PWD did approve a 90-day trial period at Highland Oaks Elementary School. The system will be tied in with the traffic light center. If this pilot project is successful, the PWD will modify their remaining contracts to install solar devices. The idea was inspired by former CTAC member, Marty Nash.

The CITT's Performa budget was reviewed and Mr. Moss suggested that CTAC members hear some of the presentations that were given at the meeting.

Mr. Mike Robinson, citizen, requested that CTAC table Draft Resolution 19-06 being considered under Action Items. Mr. Robinson informed the Committee that he opposed the Resolution and that the Sierra Club, of which he is a member, supports the continuation of the South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Study.

Mr. Wartman made a motion recognizing and commending Mr. Frank Hernandez for his time, effort, and many contributions he has made over the years to CTAC, especially in the capacity of Chair from 2001 – 2004. The motion was seconded by Naomi Wright. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 19-06 OPPOSING THE CONTINUATION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA EAST COAST CORRIDOR (SFECC) STUDY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) AND ITS AFFILIATED REGIONAL AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES

At the request of the Chair, Scott Seeburger, FDOT District IV Project Manager, gave a presentation before the vote took place to clear up any misunderstandings regarding the Study. The key points of his presentation were as follows:

- SFECC Transit Analysis
- SFECC Tier 1 Alternatives
- SFECC Tier 1 Conclusions
- Unmet Travel Demands in the Corridor
- Tri-Rail Alone is not Sufficient
- SFECC (Tier 2) Preparations
- Tier 2 Sectionalization
- SFECC (Phase 1) Project Schedule
- SFECC (Tier 2) Preparations
- Project Issues

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the forum for questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Seeburger was able to address. Due to the second presentation and further discussion by the members, the Chair explained to the Committee the options of actions that were available. The Chair took a straw vote to determine the general direction the committee was leaning towards.

The Chair then took a vote to overturn the current Resolution and was passed by the necessary two-thirds needed.

Frank Hernandez then made a motion to support the continuation of the SFECC Study and the motion was seconded by Naomi Wright. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with three dissents.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WIDENING OF THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF THE TURNPIKE FROM SR 874 TO SR 836 PD&E STUDY

Kent Rice, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Regional Planning Manager, introduced himself and the Project Manager, Mike Van Der Heyden. Mr. Rice gave a brief overview of the project and then Mr. Van Der Heyden conducted a presentation on the following key points:

- Project Team
- Project Location
- PD&E Activities
- Public Involvement
- Existing Typical Section
- Proposed Typical Section
- List of Interchanges
- SW 120 Street, Tamiami Trail, Bird Rd, Kendall Drive, Bird Road Toll Plaza, Interchange HEFT, and SR 836
- Environmental Issues
- Project Schedule
- Project Website
- Contact Information

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the forum for questions, concerns, and comments that both Mr. Rice and Mr. Van Der Heyden addressed.

B. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT

Ms. Elizabeth Rockwell, MPO Project Manager, introduced Dario Gonzalez from the Florida International University Metropolitan Center. Mr. Gonzalez gave a brief presentation on the following key points:

- Three Main Components
- Interactive Mapping included Maps, Reports, and Charts
- Community Background Report
- Public Involvement Strategies
- Interactive, Customized, Dynamic, Localized

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the forum for questions, concerns, and comments that Mr. Gonzalez and Ms. Rockwell addressed.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

The Chair's report was as follows:

- He attended the BCC Zoning Committee meeting to present Resolution 13-06 opposing the residential development proposal for the northwest area adjacent to the Kendall-Tamiami Airport. Century Builders pulled their proposal to work with MDAD regarding their issues with the project. Century Builders submitted an amended plan to MDAD and P&Z reducing the residential density in the Outer Safety Zone (OSZ) to the allowed 2 dwelling units per acre, as well as providing for open spaces and a nine acre commercial area in that OSZ corridor. The modified project, accepted by MDAD, was passed by the DIC Wednesday 18, 2006 and will now go to the BCC for final approval. MDAD appreciates CTAC's proactive support in ensuring compatible land-uses around the County's public-use airports.
- The PWD is moving forward, as requested by CTAC Resolution 12-06, requesting the department to perform a study to determine the feasibility of expanding SW 120th Street from SW 137th Avenue to SW 157th Avenue as growth continues. They will keep CTAC updated on their progress.
- The MPO will be looking at commencing a Study regarding Resolution 14-06 - requesting the FDOT, the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, MDT, and Miami-Dade Public Works Department, with the support from the surrounding municipalities, perform a joint study of the crossroad area where the turnpike empties into US-1 down to Card Sound Road including Krome Avenue and SW 344th Street to determine the most effective and efficient manner in which to develop the transportation system as growth continues in that area.
- Staff passed out a report provided by FDOT regarding Mac's fall on the Twin Bridges while traveling from the City of Hialeah to Miami Springs. FDOT has made recommendations on how to correct the deficiencies in the area and will provide CTAC an update in the New Year as to their progress to make this passageway safe and ADA compliant.

Ike Mahmood, FDOT ADA Coordinator, was requested by the Chair to address the Committee regarding this issue. Mr. Mahmood confirmed there were some mistakes made and the FDOT will resolve the issues as soon as possible. Right now FDOT is trying to acquire funding to repair all corrections. The Chair asked staff to follow this process and have FDOT attend a near future meeting to update the Committee on this issue.

VIII. SECRETARIAT'S TO THE COMMITTEE

The Secretariat's report was as follows:

- Remaining 2006 CTAC Meetings
 - Subcommittee – November, 8th in Room 18-2
 - Full Committee Meeting – December 13th in here
- Staff has made arrangements for meetings in 2007. A finalized schedule should be supplied within the next month.
- MDT maps/schedules have been updated and were replaced about three weeks ago.

IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST

Ms. Barbara Walter had the following issues with the MDT system:

- Drivers arrive late regularly
- Drivers do not allow everyone to get on the bus
- Drivers splash water on pedestrians
- A bus was “out of service” and the driver was smoking a cigar
- Buses are filthy
- The thermostat on the bus needs to be set to one common temperature
- When you call trip planning there is a 12 minute wait
- The front and back of the bus signs don’t agree at times
- There is no storage space on the buses for people that use the bus to go shopping

The Chair requested Ms. Walters email her concerns to staff so that they may work with MDT to address each of these issues. Second Vice Chair, Naomi Wright, made the Committee aware of the presence of MDT’s Greg Robinson and his availability to take back issues to MDT management.

Ms. Emma Pringle would like to review the scheduling of the buses.

Dr. Claudius A. Carnegie expressed concern about the pot holes on I-95 and would like to see the FDOT resurface the corridor from the Golden Glades Interchange to US-1.

Mr. Frank Hernandez raised the following issues:

- Would like an update on MDT’s emergency procedure situation concerning bus bridges
- Port tunnel study update
- Would like an update on City of Miami Streetcar project

Mr. Hudson Gaulman raised the following issues:

- Why is there a shortage of train operators?
- Dadeland South on the south end of the platform the lunch room is in deplorable condition.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****

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